



LEAVING A MARK

STORIES OF THE UNSTOPPABLE JESUS

Mark 12:13-17

Jesus and Politics

1. God's role in government:

- He created it.
- He sustains it.
- He is sovereign over it.
- He will judge it.

2. The government's role in society:

- Reward good.
- Punish evil.
- Defend the weak.
- Provide freedom.



3. A Christian's role in government/politics:

- Respect those in authority.
- Pray for those in authority.

Today, Christians are choosing one of two ways to respond to politics:

1. Escape it - turn a blind eye, turn your back, wash hands of it
2. Engage it - turn a kind eye, turn your face, get your hands dirty



If we chose to engage then lets engage this way:

- **Let's avoid despair - the Bible has answers**
- **Let's avoid oversimplifying - the answers aren't easy**
- **Let's avoid labels - they destroy conversations**
- **Let's pursue the mind of Christ**
- **Let's look with a biblical world view.**



If we chose to engage then lets engage this way:

- **Let's speak the truth with love.**
- **Let's be grateful we live in a democracy.**
- **Let's use God's gifts to us: Our mind, His Word, His Spirit, His Church.**

Most importantly let's remember this:

The Church is a Kingdom of priests not politicians. Our duty is not to bring people to our political party. Our duty is to bring people to our God!

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